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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECTS: ARID ZONE REFORESTRATION

1. BACKGROUND: NIGERIAN BUSINESS CONSULTANT TOLD DEPARTMENT AND EMBOFFS SOME TIME AGO OF FMG MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE PLANS TO DEVELOP FOUR LARGE BLOCKS OF LAND BETWEEN NIGER BORDER AND KATSINA. DEVELOPMENT TO CONSIST LARGELY OF TREE BELTS AND MULTI-PURPOSE PLANTATIONS. MIN AGRICULTURE RELYING ON NON-NIGERIAN FIRMS TO DESIGN AND MANAGE PROJECT. CONTRACT TO DEVELOP EACH BLOCK REPORTEDLY WORTH APPROXIMATELY NAIRA 100 MILLION OVER A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD. ACCORDING TO SOURCE BRAZILIAN AND ITALIAN FIRMS ALREADY HAVE BEEN AWARDED CONTRACTS TO DEVELOP ONE BLOCK EACH RESPECTIVELY. END BACKGROUND.

2. EMBASSY HAS ATTEMPTED REPEATEDLY TO GAIN INFORMATION ON PROJECT FROM MIN AGRICULTURE. ON NINTH TRY, EMBOFF SAW DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRIES OFFICIAL, O.O. NTIMA, WHO RELUCTANTLY GAVE SKETCHY DETAILS OF PROJECT. NTIMA SAID THREE WERE "PROBABLY" SOME CONTRACTS STILL OPEN AND SUGGESTED THAT INTERESTED U.S. FIRMS EXPERIENCED IN RECLAIMING WASTE LAND FOR SEMI-ARID AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY USE SHOULD WRITE MIN AGRICULTURE. HE WOULD NOT GIVE EMBOFF ANY DETAILS OF PROJECT BUT SAID THAT MINISTRY WOULD PROVIDE SUFFICIENT INFORMATION TO COMPANIES IT CHOSE FORM THOSE EXPRESSING INTEREST. UNCLASSIFIED

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ALL INQUIRIES SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO PERMANENT SECRETARY, FEDERAL MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, ATTN: DIRECTOR OF FORESTRY, 34/36 IKOYI ROAD, IKOYI, LAGOS, NIGERIA.

3. COMMENT: AS FAR AS EMBASSY CAN DETERMINE MOST CONTRACTS FOR REFORESTRATION SCHEME NOT BEING TENDERED OPENLY. HOWEVER, POSSIBLE THAT A CONTRACT OR TWO MAY BE AWARDED COMPETITIVELY,

PARTICULARLY IF U.S. FIRMS SHOW INTEREST.

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